S. No.	States	No. of consumers
19	Punjab	6·26
20	Rajasthan	5·84
21	Sikkim	0·05
22	Tamilnadu	14·21
23	Tripura	0·23
24	Uttar Pradesh	18·34
25	West Bengal	8·43
	Union Territories	
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0·04
2	Chandigarh	1·26
3	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0·03
4	Delhi	12·10
5	Daman	0·07
6	Lakshadweep	0·01
7	Pondicherry	0·28
8	Silvasia	..
9	Diu	.

Tourism Potential of Darjeeling

891. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any idea of tourism potential of Darjeeling popularly known as the Queen of Hills and whether any concrete proposal are there for harnessing the potential; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Darjeeling and a special Central assistance of Rs. 5.35 crores has been given to the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council for development of tourism facilities. A Food Craft Institute has been set up at Darjeeling during 1990-91.

Recommendations of the Labour Relation Committee of Indian Airlines and Air India

892. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Labour Relations Committee in Indian Airlines and Air India during the last three years;

(b) the details of recommendations accepted and implemented by Indian Airlines and Air India; and

(c) the details of recommendations rejected by the Indian Airlines and Air India with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDA): (a) and (c) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

Statement

(a) The recommendations made by the Labour Relations Committee in Indian Airlines and Air India during the last three years are as under:—

Indian Airlines: The Labour Relations Committee in Indian Airlines has, during the last three years, made recommendations mainly on matters pertaining to Contributory Family Medical Scheme, various types of loans to employees, retirement/super-annuations age, Staff passages, Uniform, Long Service Mementoes, Holiday Homes, Scholarship Scheme, reimbursement of Inland Air Travel Tax to employees, leave, financial assistance to employees for studies etc.

Air India: Details of recommendations made by Labour Relations Committee of Air India during the last three years are regarding display of seniority list on notice boards for technical and non-technical categories, Posting of cashier at accounts unit at Calcutta Airport, Passages facility to spouse of retired/deceased employees, Repairs/renovation of approach road of Air India Housing Colony at Calcutta and also for providing playground and repairs/modifications to compoundwall/fencing of colony at Calcutta, Presentation of wall clocks instead of service plague to employees who have completed thirty years of service, Release of ten per cent housing loan before completion of construction without insisting on completion/occupation certificate, Extension of unlimited 50 per cent passages on domestic sectors on confirmed basis to parents of Air India employees, Reimbursement of foreign travel tax of Rs. 300 instead of Rs. 100 to immediate family members, for calculations of Housing Loan, additional pay to be included, Enhancement in the quantum of study grant to the employees children, Re-imbursement of cost of spectacles to employees once in two years to be increased from Rs. 150 to Rs. 300 Employees completing 35 years of service should be given two confirmed free passages on Air India and Rs. 3000 in cash, changes regarding mode of repayment of housing loan instalments before completion of 240 monthly instalments, Non-availability of a doctor at Trivandrum airport, Miscellaneous/vehicle loan which was brought down to Rs. 7500 should be restored to Rs. 15,000, Voluntary retirement after 20 years service, Extension of medical/passage facility to the spouse of the deceased employees, Inland Air Travel Tax on tickets for staff to be borne by Air India as in the case of foreign travel tax, alternatively government approval for exemption to airline staff from payment of inland travel tax Eligibility criteria for permanent withdrawal from provident fund for marriage of family members.

(b) Recommendations accepted and implemented by Indian Airlines and Air India as under:—

Indian Airlines: Recommendations made in regard to revision of financial limits under the Contributory Family Medical Scheme, revision of limit for housing loan, revision of limit for festival advance acceptance of applications for booking of Holiday Homes 60 days in advance at against 45 days earlier, extension of scholarship towards of employees for classes I & II, reimbursement of Inland Air Travel Tax to employees against staff passages utilised by them, have been accepted.

Air India: Recommendations in regard to display of seniority list on notice boards for technical and non-technical categories, presentation of wall clocks instead of service plaque to employees who have completed thirty years of service, extension of unlimited 50 percent passages on domestic sectors on confirmed basis to parents of Air India employees, reimbursement of foreign travel tax of Rs. 300 instead of Rs. 100 immediate family members, for calculation of housing loan, additional pay to be included, enhancement in the quantum of study grant to the employees, children, reimbursement of cost of spectacles to employees once in two years to be increased from 150 to Rs. 300|-, non-availability of a doctor at Trivandrum airport and miscellaneous vehicle loan which was brought down to Rs. 7500|- should be restored to Rs. 15000|- have been accepted and implemented by the management.

(c) The details of recommendations rejected by the Indian Airlines and Air India with reasons thereof are given below:—

Indian Airlines: Recommendations in regard to raising of retirement age and superannuation age, provision of uniform for all categories of employees, conversion of unutilised Casual Leave to sick leave, increase in the number of free staff passages, utilisation of staff passages without necessarily following the sequence of coupons, extension of Contributory Family Medical Scheme to cover parents of retired employees, grant of financial assistance for pursuing more than 2 Post Graduate Courses, were not accepted as either the existing facliities were considered adequate or further improvements could not be considered at present due to financial constraints|administrative reasons.

Air India: The following recommendations were not accepted for reasons quoted against them:—

Posting of Cashier at accounts unit at Calcutta airport	: Since there is not much workload warranting such posting.
Passage facility to spouse of retired/deceased employees	: Since Air India's passage regulations do not provide for it.
Repairs/renovation of approach road of Air India Housing Colony at Calcutta	: Not accepted.
Employees completing 35 years of service should be given two confirmed free passages on Air India and Rs. 3000/- in cash	: Not accepted due to financial implicatio
Changes regarding mode of repayment of housing loan instalments before completion of 240 monthly instalments.	: Since as per legal optnion, Corpor[illegible] Interest is not secured.
Voluntary retirement after 20 years of service	: Retirement forms part of Air India Employees Service Regufations and any amendment requires not only approval of the board but also by the Government and subsequent notification in the gazette of India. At present, the service regulations do not apply to the category of workmen as they are covered by the model standing orders. The whole issue is under examination.
Extension of medical/passage facility to the spouse of the deceased employees	: Not accepted
Inland Air Travel Tax on tickets for staff to be borne by Air India as in the case of foreign travelv tax, alternatively government aproval for exempt'on to airline staff from payment of inland travel tax.	: Air India already reimburses foreign travel tax payable by them on sole travel. As regards exemption from inland travel tax, the government is seized of the matter.
Eligibility criteria for permanent withdrawal from provident fund for marriage of family members.	: The matter is under review.